

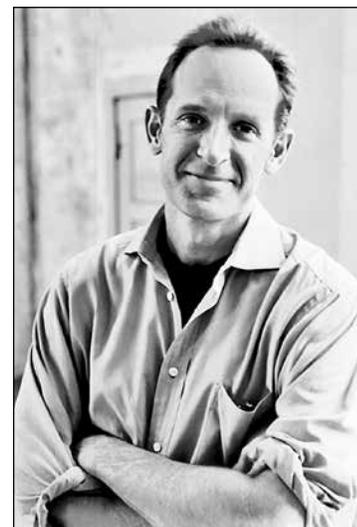
CATHEDRAL TIMES

The Weekly Newsletter of the Cathedral of St. Philip, Serving the City and Diocese of Atlanta

May 11, 2014

The Cathedral Welcomes Charles Marsh to the Dean's Forum

On **Sunday, May 11** the Very Rev. Sam Candler welcomes Charles Marsh to the Dean's Forum. Charles Marsh is the founding director of Theological Horizons, Commonwealth Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Virginia and director of the Project on Lived Theology. He was born in Mobile, Alabama and educated at Gordon College, Harvard University and the University of Virginia. He has served as the Dietrich Bonhoeffer Visiting Professor at Humboldt University, Berlin, and was a 2010 Guggenheim Fellow in the Creative Arts.

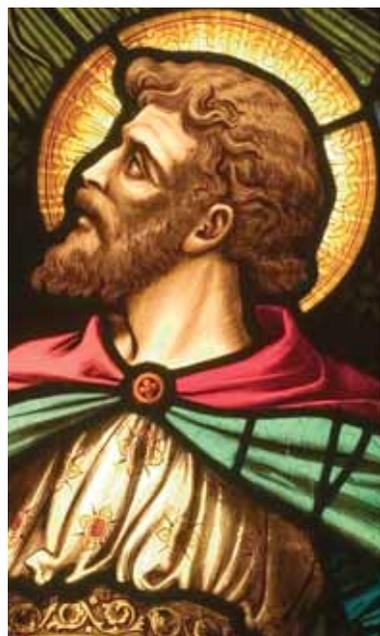


Shortly after publishing *Reclaiming Dietrich Bonhoeffer: The Promise of His Theology* (Oxford, 1994), Marsh began considering the religious and moral paradoxes of his southern Protestant upbringing. He was struck by the complex ways theological commitments and convictions came into dramatic conflict in the Civil Rights Movement in the American South. The religious beliefs and social practices of ordinary people of faith illuminated a new way of writing theology for him, the first fruit being *God's Long Summer: Stories of Faith and Civil Rights* (Princeton, 1997) which won the 1998 Grawemeyer Award in Religion.

His memoir, *The Last Days: A Son's Story of Sin and Segregation at the Dawn of a New South* (Basic Books, 2001), is a coming of age account of a minister's son in a small Mississippi town that was home to the Christian terrorist organization called the White Knight of the Ku Klux Klan.

Marsh's 2005 book, *The Beloved Community: How Faith Shapes Social Justice, from the Civil Rights Movement to Today* (Basic Books), developed a new interpretation of the Civil Rights Movement based on Martin Luther King Jr.'s remark that "the end [of the movement] is not the protest, the end is not the boycott; the end is redemption, reconciliation and the creation of beloved community."

Marsh's biography of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Strange Glory* (Knopf), was published in April. In the decades since his execution by the Nazis in 1945, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German pastor, theologian, and anti-Hitler conspirator, has become one of the most widely read and inspiring Christian thinkers of our time. Drawing on extensive new research, *Strange Glory* offers a definitive account of Bonhoeffer's life.



Again Jesus said
to them, "Very
truly, I tell you,
I am the gate
for the sheep."

From this week's lectionary
John 10:1-10

THE DEAN'S FORUM

The Dean's Forum meets on Sundays at 10:10 a.m. in Child Hall.



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PROGRAMS DURING THE WEEK

TUESDAYS

The Dean's Men's Bible Study: 7-8 a.m., Room 319. Weekly Bible study is led by Sam Candler, the Dean of the Cathedral, and others.

Early Morning Women's Bible Study: 7-8 a.m., Walthour Library, led by Canon Beth Knowlton. We will be studying the gospel of Matthew.

St. Veronica's Guild: The guild offers fellowship as members give time, raise funds, and collect goods to support Church of the Common Ground, Holy Comforter Church, Crossroads Community Ministries, Emmaus House, and Rainbow Village. Periodic guild fundraisers benefit other charities in our community and beyond. The guild meets on **second Tuesdays, September-May, at 10:30 a.m. in Lanier House.** Contact Lane Barnum, 678-713-9112, lbarnum6@yahoo.com.

St. Monica's Guild: The guild meets the **second and fourth Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the Gould Room** and focuses on support for and fellowship among mothers of school-age children and younger. Contact Mary Caroline Cravens, 404-869-5686 or marycarolined@cs.com.

Daughters of the King: The group meets the **second Tuesday of the month at 5:15 p.m. in Mikell Chapel** to offer the Daughters of the King (DOK) daily prayers. After prayers we have a light supper in room 239 or at a local restaurant. All women are welcome. The DOK is a group of Episcopal women who focus on prayer, service, and evangelism. Contact Cathy Hutcheson at 770-451-0907 or jchutcheson@juno.com.

WEDNESDAYS

The Dean's Women's Bible Study: 10:45-11:45 a.m., Room 319. Weekly Bible study is led by Sam Candler, the Dean of the Cathedral, and others.

Eat Your Word Bible Study: Noon, Room 239. Canon Beth Knowlton leads the Bible study. Bring your lunch and be ready for a lively conversation!

St. Elizabeth's Guild: The guild meets at **noon on the first Wednesday of the month in Room 381.** We volunteer in the Cathedral Archives, support the Atlanta Day Shelter for Women and Children, and we help with the Cathedral Antiques Show. Contact Carol Clark at 404-233-1591 or caroljclark@bellsouth.net or Lida Askew, 770-435-2455.

Centering Prayer: 6:30-7:30 p.m., Lanier House Chapel. Contact Jeannie Mahood at jmahood@stphilipscathedral.org.

THURSDAYS

Spiritual Direction for Women Group: 9:30-11 a.m., second Thursdays of the month, Lanier House Library. Contact Canon Beth Knowlton, 404-365-1043 or bknowlton@stphilipscathedral.org.

Centering Prayer: 4 p.m., Lanier House Chapel. Contact Ann Hickman, mannhick@aol.com.

FRIDAYS

St. Clare's Guild: We welcome all mothers of school-age children (elementary, middle, and high school) to join our guild for outreach both as a group and as an activity with our kids. A schedule is posted at stphilipscathedral.org/stclares. Contact Leah Wilkerson at lsawkerson@comcast.net or 404-603-8574.



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 11, 2014 / Easter 4, Year A

Liturgy of the Word

Lesson: Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23

Epistle: 1 Peter 2:19-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10

7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Mikell Chapel
Celebrant and Preacher:
The Rev. Ricardo Bailey

8:30 a.m. Nurturing Center opens

8:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Cathedral
Celebrant: Dean Sam Candler
Preacher: Canon Wallace Marsh

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Mikell Chapel
Celebrant and Preacher:
The Rev. Ricardo Bailey

11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Cathedral
Celebrant: Dean Sam Candler
Preacher: Canon Wallace Marsh

1:30 p.m. La Santa Eucaristia, Mikell Chapel
Preacher: The Rev. Ricardo Bailey

4 p.m. Evensong and Holy Eucharist, Cathedral
Officiant: Canon Wallace Marsh
Preacher: Canon Bill Harkins

The Nurturing Center opens at 8:30 a.m. each Sunday for children age four and younger.

Children's Chapel: During the 8:45 a.m. service, an age-appropriate Liturgy of the Word is offered in St. Mary's Chapel for children in first through fifth grades and in the Children's Chapel for children three years through kindergarten. Children attending either of these chapel services will process into the Nave at the Offertory to join their parents for Holy Communion.

MUSIC

Sunday, May 11, 2014 / Easter 4A / Mother's Day

8:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist / Staff Singers

11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist / Cathedral Choir
William Mathias, *As truly as God is our Father*
Jean Lhéritier, *Surrexit Pastor Bonus*

3:15 p.m. Recital / Rich Spotts (Philadelphia, PA), organ
Charles Tournemire, *Movements from L'Orgue Mystique*

4 p.m. Choral Evensong / Cathedral Schola
Craig Phillips, *Preces and Responses, St. David's, Roswell*
William Mathias, *Jesus College*
William Mathias, *As truly as God is our Father*
William Mathias, *Let the people praise thee, O God*

WORSHIP MONDAY-SATURDAY

Daily Office, Year Two

Morning Prayer: 8:45 a.m., Monday-Saturday, Mikell Chapel.

Holy Eucharist: 12:15 p.m., Monday-Friday (Healing on Friday), St. Mary's Chapel.

Evening Prayer: 5:45 p.m., first, second and fourth Thursday, Mikell Chapel.

Centering Prayer: 4 p.m., Thursday, Lanier House Chapel.

Labyrinths: Indoor, 3-8 p.m., most Mondays and Fridays, Child Hall. Call 404-365-1000 to confirm availability. Outdoor, in front of the Lanier House, open daily.

Taizé Service: 8 p.m., third Monday of the month, Mikell Chapel. Labyrinth available at 7 p.m. in Child Hall.

ADULT EDUCATION

Join us for the following Adult Sunday School classes at **10:10 a.m.** Please contact the Rev. George Maxwell at gmaxwell@stphilipscathedral.org if you have questions about Adult Education.

THE DEAN'S FORUM: (CHILD HALL)

Please join Sam Candler, the Dean of the Cathedral, as he presents contemporary issues of faith and life and leads discussion.

OLD-FASHIONED SUNDAY SCHOOL (ROOM 133)

Do you wonder sometimes what Christians are supposed to believe? This term in the Old Fashioned Sunday School we will explore what the Apostles Creed has to say about the central beliefs of the Christian faith. But, we'll do it in a slightly different way than you may have experienced in the past. Each Sunday, we'll take one of the statements made in the ancient creed and reflect on it through the lens of a more contemporary work. Using David Cunningham's book, *Reading is Believing*, we'll draw on novels, plays, and films by authors like Dickens, Shakespeare, P. D. James, and Graham Greene to show how the Creed can create and sustain meaning in our lives. Join us. You'll learn about the creed, of course, but we also hope that you'll deepen your own faith in the process. You'll find a light heart and a broad welcome. The class will be led by Canon George Maxwell, Canon Beth Knowlton, and Mack Leath. We look forward to seeing you there.

THE BOOK OF ISAIAH (ROOM 122)

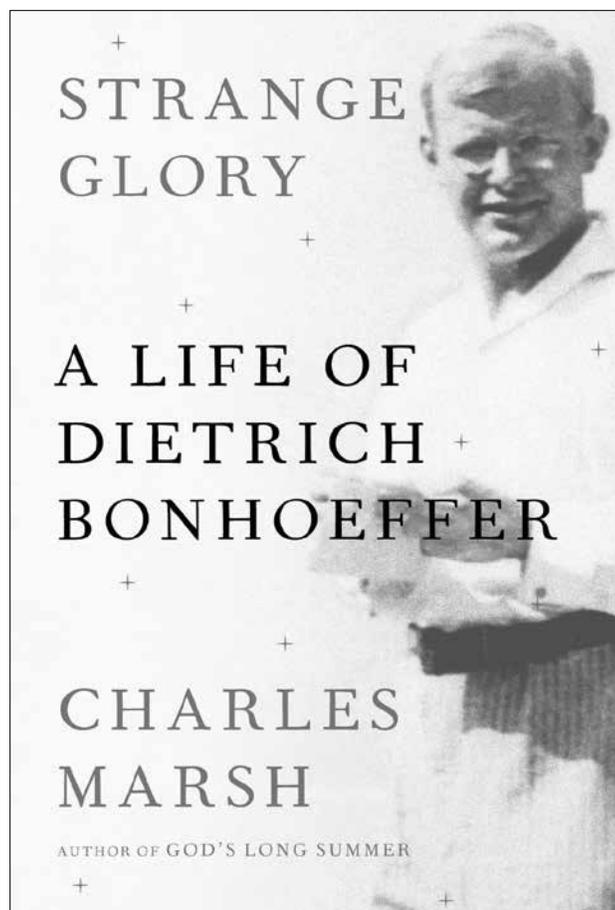
It is the most quoted book of the Old Testament in the New Testament. Isaiah covers over two hundred years of Jewish history and its theological themes resonate with us all: guilt, punishment, judgment, restoration, salvation and hope. Please join us as we delve into the fascinating book of Isaiah. For more information, please contact Jim Bingham at 404-373-3273 or binghamjim@bellsouth.net or Gordon Mathis at 404-842-1595.

BIBLICAL GREEK (ROOM 356)

Beginning Biblical Greek is offered on a drop-in basis. No previous knowledge of Greek is required. For more information visit stphilipscathedral.org/greek or contact the Rev. Thee Smith at thee.smith@emory.edu.

CONTINUING BIBLICAL GREEK (ROOM 356)

Continuing Biblical Greek classes are offered on **Sundays from 1:15–2:45 p.m.** for anyone who wants to learn the basics of translation. For more information visit stphilipscathedral.org/greek or contact the Rev. Thee Smith at thee.smith@emory.edu.



The Dean's Forum on May 11

Strange Glory: A Life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer

PROFESSOR CHARLES MARSH, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
Child Hall

Charles Marsh is the Founding Director of Theological Horizons and is a professor in the Department of Religious Studies and directs the Project on Lived Theology at the University of Virginia. In addition to his biography on Bonhoeffer, his books include *The Beloved Community*, *The Last Days* and *God's Long Summer: Stories of Faith and Civil Rights*.

PRAYERS

To have a name placed on the prayer list, please call the Pastoral Care office, 404-365-1034. Persons must give permission to be placed on the prayer list. On Sunday mornings we pray for parishioners who are in the hospital or recovering at home. Hospitals no longer notify us when a member is a patient. Therefore, we depend on family and friends to let us know when a parishioner has been admitted.

For those who are ill or recovering:

Priscilla Harrison Beale
Catherine Carson
Bettie Driver
Terry Dornbush
Pat Glomb
Elsie Gould
John Miner
Mary Ann Neale
Jeanne Shaw
Debbie Shelton
Jo Smither
Lawrence Cowart
Chris Ottley
Julia Alston
Sara Beebe
Andrew Clark

Barbara Daniel
Meredith, Adam
and Leo Bugenske
Alan Fabian
Miguel Gatins
Bob Hillegas
Judith Klauba
Pat Krebs
Margaret Winders Kuhn
Patty Lacombe
Chen Ying Liang
Jack Lyle
Toni McGauley
Dan and Jan McPherson
Michael McRae
Mickie Schierman
William Thomas
John Thompson

Esther, Ted, Katherine and
Ben Williams
Stephen Williamson

For those who have died:

Christine Burroughs
Mary Callahan
Peter Hallock
Jay Martin
Merle Savage

*For all those serving their
country away from home, for
their safe return, and for their
families who wait for them*

For all expectant parents

MEMBERSHIP

New Members

Roxanne Iszard, from St. Luke's
Episcopal Church, Atlanta

Weddings

Taylor Mulling and
Logan Westmoreland,
married April 26, 2014

DO YOU SPEAK ANOTHER LANGUAGE?

Readers are needed for Pentecost Sunday services on **June 8** at 8:45 and 11:15 a.m. Anyone who can read and speak in a language other than English is invited to join the reading of the Gospel. You do not have to be an expert, you do not have to find your own translation, and you do not have to read alone! If you are interested, please contact Jeannie Mahood, 404-365-1034 or jmahood@stphilipscathedral.org.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)

St. Monica's End-of-Year Party

Catch Up With Old Friends and Meet New Ones
Find Out What We're All About
Meet Our 2014-2015 Board

Tuesday, May 13, 7-9 p.m.

Home of Mary Caroline Cravens
3839 Wizeca Ter NE

RSVP marycarolinecd@es.com

*also, we have postponed the family BBQ until summer,
but look for an invite soon.

Not on our list and want to be?

Write to marycarolinecd@es.com.

COME PREPARED TO MAKE YOUR UNITED THANK OFFERING

This **Sunday, May 11**, is the Cathedral's United Thank Offering (UTO) Ingathering Day. If you have been reading our articles and attending services for the past few Sundays, then you have your Blue Box and have given some thought about establishing a tradition of giving thanks at home.

For this Sunday, we ask you to prepare your offering! Open your Blue Box and count your offerings. Write a check payable to the Cathedral of St. Philip (memo: UTO) in that amount and bring it with you to the Cathedral on Sunday morning where UTO envelopes will be handed out. Please put your check—your offering—into the envelope and place it in the Offering Plate.

Keep your Blue Box at home and mark your calendar for **Sunday, November 16, 2014**, the fall UTO Ingathering Day. If you like, continue with the Blue Box throughout the summer in preparation for the fall ingathering.

Every cent collected fulfills diocesan grant requests for projects that address human needs and helps alleviate poverty. Small offerings joined together can do big things. If you have questions about UTO, please contact Katie Hughey at katiehughey@att.net.



ELDERS

AARP DRIVER SAFETY COURSE

The Cathedral of St. Philip and the Elder Ministry are offering the AARP's Smart Driver class, a six-hour refresher course for motorists 50 years old and up, on **Thursday, May 15**. AARP has completely updated all materials and videos.

Some of the objectives of the class include understanding the effects of aging on driving; learning driving strategies that take into account the changes we experience as we age; identifying when driving may no longer be safe; and, a number of other topics that will help you be a safer driver. Attendees may be eligible for discounts on their automobile liability insurance.

Stuart Arey, a Cathedral member and volunteer AARP defensive driver instructor, will teach the class. The class will begin at 9 a.m. and be completed before 4 p.m., with an hour for lunch. Lunch is not provided, but you are welcome to bring a "bag lunch." Coffee will be provided. The cost, payable at the door, is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Cash or check only. Please bring your AARP card to the class if you are a member. Class size is limited to 25.

You may register for the class by calling the Cathedral at 404-365-1000. If you have additional questions, please contact Stuart Arey at 770 -594-7386 or areys@bellsouth.net.



OUTREACH

BUILD HOPE WITH HABITAT

Our home building continues through **Saturday, May 17**. This year we partner with volunteers from Big Bethel AME Church, Sterling United Methodist Church, Wieuca Road Baptist Church, St. Luke's Presbyterian Church in the construction. If you have built before, come join again. If you have never built, come be part of this exciting ministry. No skills required, just your enthusiasm. We will give you the tools and training that you need to make a contribution. You may sign up in the Atrium or contact John Champion at john.champion@kurtsalmon.com or 404 307-0817 to receive additional information.

THE CATHEDRAL COUNSELING CENTER

The Cathedral Counseling Center has appointments available for parishioners as well as the greater Atlanta community. The Center is located on the lower level of the Lanier House adjacent to the Cathedral. Services are provided by professionals associated with Care and Counseling Center of Georgia. For more information, call 404-841-4953 or visit stphilipscathedral.org/cc.

PASTORAL CARE

CAREGIVERS' LUNCH

If you are caring for a spouse, parent, or other family member, or grieving the loss of someone for whom you cared, you are invited to join an informal caregivers support group that meets at 12:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month in the Lanier House board room. The meeting provides a time for connecting with others who are going through similar experiences. Participants may bring a lunch, or purchase a lunch at the Cathedral if they wish. Our next meeting is **Wednesday, May 14**.

Contact the Rev.Carolynne Williams at 404-365-1035 or cwilliams@stphilipscathedral.org if you would like to learn more or if you would like to be placed on our monthly email reminder list. Everyone is welcome.



Sign up today for the annual Cathedral Parish Retreat

to Kanuga in Hendersonville, NC

Friday, May 23 to Sunday, May 25

Register online at
stphilipscathedral.org/kanuga

MEMBERSHIP

HELP US UPDATE THE DIRECTORY

The Cathedral will print a basic parish directory with names, addresses, and phone numbers to be handed out at Homecoming in August. On **Sundays in May** we will have binders available in the Atrium for you to review your listing and make corrections. If we have your email address on file, we will also send you an email in the coming weeks to verify your information. If you have questions, please contact Dan Murphy, program coordinator for stewardship and membership, at 404-365-1079 or dmurphy@stphilipscathedral.org.

WEDNESDAY LUNCH AND DINNER

The last Wednesday dinner will be served on **May 14**.

The last Wednesday lunch will be served on **May 21**.

Wednesday meals will resume in September.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Excerpts of the youth sermon delivered by Camilla Grayson on Youth Sunday, May 4, 2014.

To read the full text please visit stpphilipscathedral.org/youth.



Whenever I'm at a live show, there is always a moment, after the band has set up, tested their instruments, performed sound check, and then, during their performance,

where I close my eyes. I close my eyes and let the music sink in, let it fill every space in my heart, let me feel the warmth of my newfound friends dancing, and just soak in that intense happiness of the room. Every good show I've ever been to has that moment, that moment where the audience just feels so lucky to be a part of something greater than themselves.

I was at a show this year seeing a band called Neutral Milk Hotel on a very rare reunion tour. The band's singer, Jeff Mangum, rarely makes public appearances and has been named as one of indie music's most reclusive songwriters. At the sold-out show, people's excitement felt like electricity buzzing through the air. Everyone was enjoying talking with each other about the band's history and the crowd's favorite songs. I had conversations with the people around me and really bonded over our love for music. Then, all of a sudden, the lights lowered and we were met with an acoustic song that transformed into an accompaniment with live horns and strings. It was one of the most beautiful concerts I've ever been to. When the show ended and Neutral Milk Hotel had finished their encore, the crowd didn't move. Everyone was in silent awe of what we just witnessed.

When we finally left, I walked out of the theater feeling like I was surrounded by my closest friends. There is something so uniting about sharing an experience with someone. We felt like we had just gotten to know, not only parts of ourselves, but parts of our contemporaries around us. I've found that music produces individual responses, but everyone is bonded by their own introspective moments. We all shared the comfort we felt in our concert routines. When you experience something so magical like that, it's almost impossible to distance yourself from those who saw

it with you. Neutral Milk Hotel's concert was the wonderful payoff of my routine of just soaking in the moment. Regularly attending concerts gave me friendships and understanding towards the world around me. I understood the connection between practicing a routine and the fellowship that comes from it.

A few years back, when I was in sixth or seventh grade, I started to tag along with my brother Patrick and go to the Cathedral's bible study. I remember begging my mom to not make me go. Also, it was during the summer, so while my friends were running around outside and going on trips to the beach, I was stuck in a room with what I thought were some kind of Jesus freak high schoolers. And to make matters worse, the youth leader wasn't even there, and it was a high school girl leading the discussion. After introductions, my brother talked with his friends while I just nervously nodded. We finally started, and I can't even remember what we talked about, mostly because I was nervously sweating about how I was going to ever live my middle school awkwardness down in the presence of all these older people. Then, out of nowhere, everyone was staring at me and asking me my final takeaway from the verse we studied. I tried to awkwardly pass, but my brother insisted that it was custom of bible study to say what we thought at the end. I rattled off something about how Jesus loves everyone with a reddened face only to have my brother stare at me with embarrassment saying that he had just said the exact same thing. It felt like I had failed, and overall, this experience was horrifying. To me, it seemed like I had embarrassed myself in front of these people I'd always looked up to. Honestly, the other people probably never even noticed, but I vowed to never come back to bible study ever again.

Well, I've been going to bible study almost every week since that incident. I returned because I saw the closeness of the older kids and wanted to be a part of the comforting and intimate atmosphere they had at church. I learned to establish my routine of going to Church youth group and bible study. I started going every week and over time, I felt brave enough to say my own ideas. I learned to participate in and understand fellowship. For me, bible study

and church is an alternate realm where social rules don't apply. A sixth grader is given as much personal respect as a senior, there are no such thing as cliques, and everyone's belief system seemed to be ever-evolving. Participating in the discussion helps discover new concepts for yourself, and also exposes others to new ideas in the process.

Sure, it was hard at first, but I soon became part of the group and eventually was there enough to where I had experiences in common with all the people I was once scared of. My participation built relationships with those around me. If I was myself, rather than stressing about what people thought, I felt comfortable sharing and felt accepted. It was those shared experiences that made me come back. The older kids also created an atmosphere that made me feel accepted. I was different and younger, but I also felt like I belonged. I kept going because I understood the payoff of ritual and routine. I understood that it could make certain situations more comfortable and my commitment could bring faith and fellowship.

I've grown up with the greasy deliciousness of the youth group's Fellini's pizza, and I've learned to contribute towards discussions knowing that I am respected for whatever I share. I've realized that, like the intimacy of shared experiences during concerts, participation in bible study has similar effects. When I could finally joke about what everyone said last week, or understand the connection between a verse and my daily life, I felt like I was part of the group. The church and Rebecca crafted an accepting atmosphere that supported me and my friends through prayer and fellowship. It was through those shared experiences over dinner that I bonded with my friends and God. We shared a certain intimacy at bible study because even though we weren't friends at school and were different ages, we connected over our faith. Bible study had a sort of understanding familiarity that I needed throughout high school. I knew that if I needed to open up, there were people who respected how I felt.

Looking at today's scripture, we see how routines like the breaking of the bread can result in fellowship and connectivity. These

YOUTH MINISTRIES

travelers, coming from Jerusalem, could of even abandoned Jesus at the crucifixion, but Jesus shows no anger when he sees them. As Luke describes it “they [the travelers] were kept from recognizing him.” The travelers were not open to Jesus’s identity and Jesus hid from them until he was in a comfortable situation. He waited until he was at their house and breaking bread with them. Jesus uses this familiar ritual of praying and breaking bread to emphasize the importance of breaking bread and sharing experiences ourselves. This ritual led to a wonderful surprise. Jesus, through the normalcy of breaking bread, inspired the travelers to embrace His grace. Jesus used routine to provoke fellowship and understanding with the travelers. He took something that they all were familiar with and transformed it into something that bonds them all together. As we in our lives participate in discussion, listen to others, share a prayer, and break bread, we are sharing in the eye opening process like the travelers. We subconsciously accept our contemporaries identities and love through an established routine and shared connection with them. Just like I bonded with friends through my habits at concerts and I learned to understand fellowship in bible study, Jesus connects with the travelers and reveals himself through his routine actions. After Jesus leaves, the travelers ask, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” The travelers are questioning their receptiveness to a stranger. Their downcast faces when they first met Him, judged Jesus too quickly. They were later proved to be wrong when the breaking of the bread in a comfortable atmosphere revealed the truth about Him. If I had disassociated myself from bible study because I didn’t feel connected with the people there, or if I had left the concert because it was full of strangers and was a new situation, I would’ve missed the moment to share in the wonderful fellowship I discovered. The travelers took a chance to invite Jesus into their home, and Jesus’s discussion and meal

ignited an honest moment in the travelers’ lives. By spending time with Jesus, they were able to identify with his struggles and understand his grace and glory. Jesus created a sense fellowship in their home.

The importance of fellowship is apparent throughout everything we do. Through connecting with others, we can discover people’s individuality and our shared common bonds. Our beliefs are constantly being sharpened and shifted by other’s lives and perspectives. I’ve learned so much from people that are different than me through new experiences. When we share a meal, bond at a concert, or break bread in church, we all develop as a people.

There was a study done by scientists in 1998 that basically investigated the body’s influence on those around it by measuring heart rate and cardiac energy. What they found, was that people, if in close proximity of each other, can actually develop the same heart rhythm. One subject’s EKG could be measured on another person’s EEG simply through touch. What this means is that by sharing a calm situation with someone, our body can potentially start to become in rhythm with theirs. This impact of sharing a moment with other people creates a physical response that mimics our emotional response. We subconsciously build trust with others, just like as Jesus ate dinner with the travelers, they felt connected enough to embrace Jesus’s divine identity. Instead of “keeping them from seeing him,” their eyes were opened. By breaking the bread, Jesus is creating a comfortable atmosphere where the people can understand the goodness of their guest. Their shared meal, just like I share a meal with others at bible study, evoked a response that no one expected. When we participate in shared experiences and routines, we embrace each other’s identities through fellowship. Jesus was able to forgive and understand the travelers when he bonded with them over prayer.

Next year I am going to be in a different part of the state, not having Fellini’s and not laughing with my friends each Tuesday. I won’t be discussing my upcoming week in

girls’ group at Goldberg’s, or even coming to the youth hall on Sundays. It’s really hard for me to imagine giving up this special place, even though I know it is my time to move on to a new part of my life.

Yet, things from youth group will definitely stay with me. I’m a more patient and accepting person from meeting people each week. My faith is grounded with lifelong friendships that I cherish everyday. I find comfort knowing that I participated in a valuable part of God’s plan for me. And most of all, I know how important shared experiences are in building relationships. Like concerts, I connected with those around me through something bigger than myself. Through bible study, I’ve found that the best way to see who someone really is, is to share something with them. My faith community has taught me that fellowship is a key part of being an Episcopalian. I understand God through his children and my friends in bible study. As I head off to University of Georgia this year, I will remember to push myself to create relationships and routine, just like I did in bible study. Because of youth group and the Cathedral, I am going to remember to be ever evolving, be aware of others, and keep in mind the importance of shared experiences.

In church, we are practicing these same experiences each week. We connect with each other through music, prayer, scripture, and communion. We have the power to create a safe and accepting atmosphere for others. Just as we all were once were lifted from solitude to join a community, we can produce the same loving environment for others. Through our shared religious practices, we become a community. We all come from different places and have different backgrounds. We don’t all share the same politics or even theology, but our hearts are all beating in one cohesive rhythm towards God. Together, we share this moment right now, and later, when we come to the table for the breaking of the bread, we will be one body in a practice that is truly bigger than ourselves.



YOUTH TO SELL CATHEDRAL STICKERS

The Youth will be selling oval “CSP” bumper stickers, representing the Cathedral of St. Philip, in the Atrium on **Sunday, May 11**. Stickers are \$5 and all proceeds go to the Youth Summer Pilgrimage to San Diego.

20s30s THEOLOGICAL BREW

Join the Cathedral 20s30s for a casual happy hour to discuss a topic of Christian theology in a lighthearted conversation. The next monthly Theological Brew will be **Wednesday, May 14 at 7 p.m.** at 5 Seasons Brewery (Westside), 1000 Marietta St NW #204, Atlanta, GA 30318. For questions or to offer a topic for the future, please contact Mark Howard at markhoward@gmail.com



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If you would like to receive the newsletter by e-mail, please send your request to Dan Murphy at dmurphy@stphilipscathedral.org.

FARMERS MARKET BAG DESIGN WINNER ANNOUNCED

On **Saturday, April 26** COUNTRY Financial announced the winner of this year's reusable bag design contest.

Three Atlanta high school students were selected as finalists for the "Grow Your Own Way" themed bag design contest. Mei Nathan, 9th grade, Grady High School, won first place. Kinley Davis, 9th grade, Grady High School and Tahj Mitchell, 11th grade, Mays High School were runner-ups. Mei will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from COUNTRY; the two runner-ups will each receive a \$500 scholarship.



On **Saturday, May 11**

the 10 a.m. chef demonstration will be by Chris Hall of Local Three and there will be master gardener demonstrations throughout the morning.

THE FARMERS MARKET IS OPEN ON SATURDAYS FROM **8:30 A.M. TO NOON** IN THE CATHEDRAL PARKING LOT

ORGAN RECITAL AND CHORAL EUCHARIST NEXT SUNDAY

On **Sunday, May 18 at 4 p.m.**, the Cathedral Choir will end its season with a Choral Eucharist. Music will include Zoltán Kodály's powerful and delightfully original *Missa Brevis* and Edward Bairstow's great Edwardian warhorse *Blessed City, Heavenly Salem*. The service will be preceded by the season's final 3:15 p.m. organ recital by our own wonderful Kenneth Miller, whose last Sunday at the Cathedral will be **June 15**. His program will feature the lyrical and monumental *Chaconne in C-sharp minor* by the unjustly neglected Austrian composer Franz Schmidt.



THE CATHEDRAL THRIFT HOUSE TREASURE OF THE WEEK

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Chill on the Hill

Monday, May 26, 7–9:30 p.m.

Gates open at 5 p.m. | Rain or Shine | Adults only—18 years old and older

The evening will feature Atlanta's Yacht Rock Revue playing your favorites from the Beatles and other hits from the 70s and 80s.

Bring your own food and favorite adult beverages (Chastain Park Concert style) OR you may pre-order delicious food from Avalon Catering online and pick up upon arrival.

All proceeds benefit the Cathedral of St. Philip's Cathedral without Walls Outreach Programs.

Learn more and purchase tickets at stphilipscathedral.org/chillonthehill